

New Sheldon Jackson

Phila. Apr 22 1862

Dear Bro.

There is no part of the land, wheat we are
more desirous to aid, than your field - it gives us
more grief, than you can imagine to be able to
do so little - But the stream can't rise higher
than the fountain - we have emerged in a mea-
sure from our difficulties - we have had an
anxious time, while we carry all in commi-
tion, we have not seen day light enough, to
enlarge - If your Peabody does not increase
its demands, & draw more in the aggregate, we
can do, all the old in most things you ask & of
course give you as much as you had be-
fore - If any of your men go off - then we can
supply the place & give 100 or 120 for the young
man in question - Until the Gen. Assembly
meet & we can see what their wisdom will decide
for us, in the matter of raising funds, & clearing
away, the smoke which has created, we had
rather not be too confident & make new friends
I am sorry I can't write more cheerily - I sympathize
in all your feelings about the matter, & I
would all God's people could see & feel as you do

Yours truly

Thomas L. Hawkey
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Phila Feb. 29 1864
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Rev William Jackson

La Crosse Wis.

Dear Bro.

The request of your Presbytery, was
~~agreed~~ granted - only instead of granting nine
months, we have made six months, because of
the 10 of July your present commitment, & also
thirty four dollars - which was the rate requested
for the nine mos - So at the expiration of
the first quarter, you will add \$14 to your for-
mer salary -

I enclose a copy of the action of the
& Board - we deem it very important - For
the present, we make two districts

(1) Iowa, Minnesota & Wisconsin

(2) Kansas & Nebraska

as God directs, & the church gives us the
means - we will probably make two more
1-2 subdivide -

We will give to the right man, a liberal
salary - how much ought your district
missionary to receive? we ask our brethren
to give their views

Who is the man? I prefer a man as
not field, elected & chosen by his brethren
as one approved & tried - I am elected & am

papers. If you will give me & let so, your
mature views - I am cheered with what
I have heard already - Your papers will
be much esteemed.

Yours truly
Thos. A. S. Lane

Equality Ill 19th Dec 1860

Rev J C Lyon

Dear Bro

The Rev Mr Speer
of Hudson Wis has directed me to you
for information in regard to the condition
of our Church and call for Ministers in
Southern Minnesota. I expect to leave
this part of the country in the Spring and
if the way is open would like to settle in
Southern Minnesota. If you can tell me of
any field of labor where I could by the blessing
of God, hope to be instrumental in doing good
you will confer a great favor,

Several of my family have died of Consumption
and I have had several attacks of Hemorrhage
of the lungs and from all I can learn think
the climate of Minn would suit me.
If there is any town or community where I could
by giving some time to the practice of Medicine
assist in supporting the Gospel, I would be
very willing to do what in me lies to build up
the cause in your young and rising State
please write at your earliest convenience address
me at Equality Gallatin Co Ill and oblige
Yours paternally
John Mack

Received Jan 4th 1861

Ans
Jan 8th 1861.

L. Walker
Dec. 23rd 1860

Mr. Jackson Sir

I have suffered from the Liver complaint Dyspepsia and affection of the Throat and Lungs for several years. When my attention was called to the letter of Mr. Speer in the Presbyterian headed best Climate for Dyspepticks and Consumptives. I had intended to write directly to him but put it off from time to time when my attention was called to the subject again. By reading letters in the Presbyterian from a Gentleman signed North. West who referred persons wishing information on the subject to write to You. or Rev. D. C. Lyon. Winona Minnesota or Rev. W. W. Mac Nair. Eau Claire Wisconsin. When I concluded to write to

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You. I wish to know of it makes
any differance, what seasons of the
Year I come and whether I can travel
by rail to where you reside and if
whether I would be delayed in winter
by snow or cold. I wish to know a
board costs a week or month and if
You think I could get employment
or engage in business at this time
I live in Berkeley County Virginia and
a single man and have spent
most of my time on a Farm but
can adapt my self to several
go You will please Write soon and let
hear from You

Yours Resp

Luther B. Walke

P.S. Direct your letter Martinsburg Berke
Co

Nashville Ten. April 1st 1861

Rev S. Jackson
La Crosse
Minnesota

Rev Sir

My wife is in delicate health having had a severe spell of Pneumonia & Congestion of the lungs during the past winter & I am fearful that it will settle down in Consumption and as I have seen recently a letter of yours published in the Presbyterian Herald of Louisville speaking favorable of that Climate for Consumptives &c. I therefore take the liberty of writing to you for further information. In the 1st place have you known of Consumptives going from this for sooth to be benefitted by going to Iowa or Minnesota & 2^d what is the difference as regard health between southern Iowa & Minnesota & 3^d what is land worth both improved & unimproved in Minnesota and also in Wright Floyd Hamilton & Franklin Counties in Iowa. My reason for asking this last Question is that I am offered 3440 acres of Land in those Counties named in a way that I might trade for them at their true value provided the Climate will suit my wifes health. Being members of the Presbyterian Church and as we write to you as a minister for the fact. Truly Yours, Wm H. Webb
Nashville, Tenn

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New Orls. Apr 2. 61

Rev Sheldon Jackson

La Crescent, Minnesota.

D^r Sir, My wife
looking at the "Witness" saw a notice of the
desirableness of Minnesota for a summer
residence - And referring to yourself, as
one who could give the requisite informa-
tion - We wish to know, about, what
sum my family, self, wife, mother & 3 grown
girls, baby & perhaps servant would require to
pay per month - if comfortable quarters
^{private family preferred to Hotel}
could be procured - We are plain folks, orig-
inally from the north - The writer was for
11 years a trader among Choctaws - (Heald,
of Berthelot, Heald & R M Jones - accus-
tomed to frontier life - fond of gun & good
fishing - - please advise also cost of

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reaching La Crescent. from St. Louis.

— We have a strong desire to steal
away three or 4 months, this summer
and want to try the dry cool atmosphere
of the Upper Mississippi

— Please advise on receipt
of this.

A. Oblige

J. H. Heald

David Herron⁷

Theo. Seminary Princeton
Oct. 3^d 1861

My dear friend

It is now the beginning of my last session in the Seminary and I begin to look forward with more or less desire to some field of labour. Last vacation I spent very pleasantly and profitably I trust - to both preacher and people - in supplying two vacant pulpits in Fulton Co. They seemed to intimate the desire of having me return & settle in the spring. I did not however think it advisable to give them much encouragement. You are perhaps aware that I always had more or less of a missionary spirit - and since coming to the Sem-

inary. I think I can truthfully say that these feelings have been increased, especially perhaps, by letters received from our dear brother Brodhead. Even a recent interview and consultation with our family physician I begin to entertain doubts of having these missionary feelings gratified - My general health now is very good. But the antecedents in the case of my serious illness in College - would seem to this physician to be in the way of my going to a foreign land. The next field I thought I should turn my attention to is the west - and my chief desire & object in now writing is to solicit from you some information as to the prospects for missionary or ministerial work among you. I have in particu-

lar questions to ask - I think you know my mind and feelings on the subject - and will therefore leave it thus in hope that at your early convenience you will write me -

When you see Rev Mr James, Brattleboro. give him my kind regards. I trust - you are all enjoying God's blessing upon your labors. I saw Jacob Corder, on my way home from Yulston Co. He was well and has been preaching considerable during the summer in places around his home. The number of students in the Seminary this session is quite large - much larger than was expected from the condition of the country -

I had a very interesting letter from Mr Brodhead last session and another was waiting my return this fall. He and his

wife were both well and were
enjoying their labors - We are
all very much pleased with
new Professor Dr. Moffat - and
expect to be kept very busy in
study as we have now a good
share of Professors - There
nothing more of any impor-
tance to relate -

I remain dear
yours in all
David H.

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Covington, Ky, April 1st 61

Rev & Dear Sir

Through the Presbyterian Herald by a letter from your pen I learn something of your river town Sacrescent

And having some little interest there financially & encouraged by your letter I drop you a line of enquiry

I own 2 quarter ^{of Stock} shares, and some 72 lots in Bryant & Watts addition to the city

The stock in part consists of the Ferry right Ferry boat &c

The lots are part of them near the avenue or road thrown up as a main pass way to the higher land going back.

Can and will you please
inform me whether they are of any
account & who will be a good, honest
reliable man to attend to any interest
I may have there

Will you please give me a more
minute account of the size and
general appearance of your town
specially its religious features
Sabbath school & religious prospects

We are not so permanently located
here but what we might be induced
to leave - Our religious and
social privileges bind us here
closely - Rev J. M. Harrall is
our Pastor - and we find work
enough to do - But as I have
some interest in your place &
in fact in any new place especially
when we learn something of its
religious character -

We are Presbyterians by birth
education & profession & would
not be willing to remove to any
place where we could not enjoy
religious privilege of our own
denomination not but what
we esteem all as brethren
in whom we see the image of
our Saviour but because we
believe every christian should
have a christian home and
work with his heart & hands to
build it up

I formerly lived in northern Ohio
but an account of weak lungs removed
south my health now very good

How would your climate agree
with me think you

My family consists of myself
my wife & one son 21 years old
and as he is of an age

to commence business for him-
self & having formed good
steady business habits we
have thought of visiting
your place before he settles
permanently in business

We have been engaged
principally in the agriculture
and general seed business
doing partially a whole sale
business

I think it well for a young man
to become identified & grow up with
a place not only financially
but religiously

Some of the Kentucky Stock hold-
ers have been urging me to go on
I am rather leaning that way

Respectfully yours,

E. Earl

J. R. Wilson

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Calverton Cumberland County
Virginia April 8th 1861.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir I saw

in the Central Presbyterian [published in
the City of Richmond] a communication
from you in reference to the
New State of Minnesota, ⁱⁿ which gave
a flattering & I have no doubt a
true description of said state; and
as there was an intimation in the
letter that you would give such
information as you had to any one
who would make the application
I have taken the liberty of writing
to you for some information in
reference to the climate, soil, health,
of the same.

I have seen frequent New Paper
accounts of the boundless resources
of Minnesota -
agricultural Mineral &c, but these
^{generally} are ~~generally~~ written by speculators.

in lands & Town lots and are pretty
well understood; but a statement
of facts over the signature of a Presby-
terian Minister is altogether a different
affair.

Will you do me the kindness to let me
know whether "ague & fever" is prevalent
in your neighborhood, & to what extent?
Whether the storms in Summer & Fall
are as violent as in the older North
western States? Whether persons with
weak lungs can stand the rigorous
winter of that climate? The price of
choice lands improved & unimproved
near the Mississippi River? What
kind of population is piling up your
State? Is there great difficulty in obtaining
good house servants other than of
chance.

I could ask more questions which I
should like to have answered but
am afraid I have already taxed
your patience more than I have

any right to do, & more than you
care to submit to.

Your answer at your leisure to the above
queries will oblige.

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo R Wilson

My Post Office is stated in the caption of
this letter. J. R. W.

Wm. C. Boylston
Ashland, Boyd Co. Ky¹⁰

Ap. 1. 1861-

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

My Dear Sir,

Your article in
the Presbyterian Herald, entitled
"Presbyterianism in Minnesota,"
has arrested my attention,
& I venture to drop you a
line in reference to openings
for half-broken-down preach-
ers. I have been laid by from
the use of my voice, for the
greater part of the winter -
arising from a bronchial
difficulty - so that I am getting

pretty much ^{out} of conceit with
this climate, as warranting
future health & usefulness.
I am calculating on a re-
sumption of pulpit effort by
the 1st Lab. of May, with Divine
leave. But meanwhile, the
case appears so uncertain, as
to my freedom from bronch-
ial difficulty in the future,
that I am not unwilling to
find out what chances there
may be for usefulness and
health in your general region—
concerning which I have
seen a number of testimonies,

all declaring it to be good
for such complaints as I have.
The chief drawback to any
such inquiries is, that the
field ^{is} so decidedly missionary
in its character, requiring so
much effort, travel &c., & without
yielding, as I suppose, so
small a pecuniary support,
that it is almost idle for me
to think of it. I am settled
to my notion here, having 2
Churches 5 miles apart in a
very destitute country, & requiring
much effort. Have no occasion to
reply, except on the score above

mentioned. Family consists of 8.
You know how much support is
required for such. April will be a
sort of test month with me - & if
favored with decided change from
Tex, will feel much like venturing
North on an experimental tour.

If it suits you to reply to this,
+ ^{if you} can state anything, which may
let a little light in, on this dark
case, you will much oblige me.

Yours fraternally
John C. Bayless

Wetmoreville Iowa

Jan 15th 1861

Rev J. Nottingham

Dear Sir

I wish to ask you
a few questions in reference
to fields of labor in your
Pres. I see that you have
lately organized a couple of
churches & that you want
a man for that field

Is the country healthy &
free from fever & ague

Is the weather very chang-
eable in that country & would
it be suitable for a person
whose lungs are a little
on the weak order,

How much of a salary
could a person depend on
getting

The weather in Iowa is so
changeable, & my health is
generally better in cold,
in warm weather, I have
an idea that it is not
quite so changeable as
you, whether I am right
or not I cannot tell,
I suppose that it is con-
siderably colder than than
Have you many vacant
How near does your line
run to the Pres of Le
Superior, or to Lake Superior
Will you please to
answer this as soon as you
get it. Nothing more
but remain Yours

John A. Carver
Honorable
Marion
Iowa

New York April 16th 62

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

My Dear Brother

Your kind letter
of Mar. 14th was gratefully recd.
I wish I could say we will
start for Minnesota tomorrow
all, dear wife utterly shrink
from the undertaking at
present. Last Friday she
made her first visit since
we left the station even the
first call she has made upon
any of her relatives. Has been
to meeting two half days.

I am happy to say she is im-
proving & when she is more
recruited & I better able to
preach or teach we may
start if the Lord will's

Mrs. A. J. is very anxious
to start for a short time
evening

I had hoped to finish my
earthly labors with the Choctaws
If I cannot go back to them
I am ready to go anywhere
& do anything that our Divine
Master directs.

I have no anxiety about de-
privation or sufferings or
toils while in the path of
duty. In the service of Christ
when earthly comforts are lost
he is most precious, when we
are alone & in danger he is most
near, when we are called to suffer
for his sake, he is most lovely &
dear to us. All powerful Sympa-
-pathizing & ready to ^{be a very present} help in every
time of need."

It is a very great privilege
to endure hardships for our
glorious Savior. All this
I trust you know by happy
experience.

It would give me very great
pleasure to meet the brethren
& sisters at the meeting of
Presbytery. Those seem more
dear who have labored among
the Choctaws. Give all the
Mission brethren & sisters
our sincere affection &
kindest wishes

My Cincinnati Presbytery which
came last night speaks of the
arrival of Brother Edwards
& family at San Francisco

I sent your letter to a
friend of mine in New Hampshire
Rev. John Dinsmore of North
Hampton who after 10 years
labor there is about to leave.
He has a missionary spirit
warm hearted & jealous within
a year has married a young
lady of talents, good singer
his second wife

Now dear Brother if we are
to go West the Lord will open
the way & then I shall rejoice
to go. While we regret the
present state of the Country
I firmly believe the Savoy
Kingdom will not only
survive but be enlarged
& strengthened very much.

Hoping you may have a
pleasant & profitable mee-
ing on the 24th & the labors of all
the dear brethren be greatly
blessed I remain your
sincerely in Christ

S. L. Hoobey
I shall be glad to hear
from you at any time.

J. W. Crawford
to Herron,
Princeton N.J.
Jan 20 1862

Mr. Jackson

Dear Sir,

Having learned
a letter from you to Mr.
Herron that you are willing
to correspond with any of
the students who may
think of laboring in
Minnesota, I take the
liberty of addressing you
some brief inquiries.

Please tell me if
you are acquainted with
any particular field where
a minister and wife
could be supported without
relying on the Board.

Or, if there is not
such a one, tell me
how much it would pay,
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The other can tell more
at how many points it
should have to break - how
far apart they are - if
a house would be indispens-
able. I don't know much
more, except he required
to "set up to house-keeping"
in any thing like a comfort-
able style with these.

I am thus particular
in asking for a special
situation because I wish,
should I go, to settle im-
mediately on arriving there.

I should necessarily go with
very limited means, but
all I ask is enough for
myself and her who is to
be my "help meet," to eat
and wear.

Perhaps I couldn't get
there earlier than June or

possibly July.

If you can point out
a place in that benighted
but promising land where
I can get a support and
where I can have an oppor-
tunity of laboring and ~~sympathizing~~
for Him who labored and
offered so much for me,
I have little doubt but
I shall go there.

If you will answer
this at your earliest conve-
nience you will oblige

Yours truly
Paul Brothman
J. W. Crawford
Stimington
W. S.

Rev. S. Sheldon Jackson
La Crescent
Minnesota.

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Dear friend

I have only time
to add a word - The letter, which
thus writes, is worthy of your at-
-tention & will I trust be enabled
to join you in your selfdenying
labors - I assure you of my
deepest sympathies - though
your present unpromising cir-
-stances of our country & Branch
of Domestic missions - I think
doubtful that I will be able to
add to the force in Minnesota.

The same reason which
prevents my going abroad -
stands in a measure present
exposure to such hardships
as I could doubtless meet in
in your field - Some of the
symptoms of my disease -
known were of a peculiar nature
& I must abide the advice
of physicians - in not undertak-

so much - Judging
from your letter & from
the letters from time to time
appearing in the papers - the
prospects for support of
more missionaries - are very
discouraging indeed - I
think you will yourself
admit this - & in my own
case especially - make allow-
-ance - for holding back - till
more propitious circum-
-stances should justify my
going - I had a letter
yesterday from Endley - he
is well - and preaching ve-
-riginally in his own vicinity

I had also a letter from
Fred Cameron - He is in the
army at Washington 2^d
Lieutenant - !! - Yours truly

David Hemen

May 25th 1862

Franklin Indiana.

John B. Hawter

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother,

Mr. John Crawford recommended you to me as
being one to whom I could take the liberty to
write upon the subject of a field of our people.
If you know of any field in which I may
come, I will receive it as a great kindness,
if you will be so kind as to advise of the
fact, and whether I could come on, if there
be such a field. I do not expect the
fields of labor just now to be very promising,
but if I can weather the storm for the
time, and by the grace of God have better
times in the future, I shall be content.
Can you tell me of any place in Minnesota
where I can study, labor, and preach the

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Gospel? Suma licentiate of the Indiana
Presbytery. I have just finished my theology
course at Western Theological Seminary, at
Alleghany City Pa. I wish to go to Illinois.
Iowa or some other North Western state to be
Mr. Crampden ^{spoke} of Mr. Adams writing to
as well as himself, about this matter.
Now I wish you to understand I do not
desire to interfere with them. I am
personally acquainted with both
these gentlemen and hope they will
succeed in getting fields. But if
is anything there for me to do for fear
I wish to come also. Love love as ever
for you.

Very affectionately
Jno B. Waite.
John B. Waite

Portage City Wisconsin April 16th 1862

Rev.^d Sheldon Jackson

La Crescent Minn^a

Dear Bro. Rev^d D C Lyon of
Winona has informed me that you can give me full
particulars of Black River Falls - as a field of labour.
Will you do me that kindness? Is it the County seat?
What is the soil in the vicinity? & How much settled &
by what kind of people? what is the best route to get
there? And as the Church, have they good material for
help to a minister? Is the River navigable to the
Mississippi? What is land worth near the village?
By answering the above & whatever else may occur
to your mind - you will greatly oblige

Yours in the Gospel

W Van Landt S

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Princeton, April, 7th 62

Rev. Mr. Jackson -

Dear Sir -

Some
time since you wrote to a member
of my class, Mr. Heron, in regard to
the great mission work of the North West
& especially in your own State, Minn-
-sota - I have had my attention direct-
-ed for some time to that field, and I
write to learn something of the pros-
pects for Missionary Labor there
My Course at the Seminary closes
with the present month - During
the ensuing Summer I purpose
D. V. to seek Licensure - & then if the
way be open I would like to visit
Minnesota - I am aware some-
what, of the incidents of Missionary
Life in the West - as all my life

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has been spent in a comparatively
new State - Indians - Of course I
am entirely ignorant experimen-
tally of the difficulties which attend
the founding & organizing new churches
in an unoccupied field - that can
only be learned in the work

I wish to devote myself, if such be the
will of our Father, to the cause of
Christ in some of the unoccupied
fields - There is an urgent need in
Minnesota - and it is my desire to
go there if I can see any prospect
of a tolerable support - I expect to
consult Dr. Jareway, in regard to
the prospects of assistance from
the Board - I have nothing in the way
of property, to enable me to support
myself, until by my own ~~scattered~~ labor
I could create a support - If I have
means I would go out to Minnesota
& sustain myself as a missionary

until I could found, & by Divine assis-
tance build up churches - As it is, I
have nothing but my own labors to
depend on. But I would be willing to
labor in the cause of our Master
for a support money - And if such
can be obtained in your part of the
State I would gladly go to preach the
gospel to ~~us~~, to those, who perhaps
seldom hear its joyful sound
I should have written sooner, but
I hope you will have time to write
me at Princeton during the present
month - or if that be impracticable,
direct to Pleasant. Ind. Perhaps
the Stated Clerk of your Presby-
tery could give me more inform-
ation - but I do not know his ad-
dress. Please to give me all the inform-
ation in your power - Also please to mention
the name & address of the State Clerk
of your Presbytery
Your fellow Servant
R. L. Adams

J. G. Miller 18

St. Albans, N.H.
Sept 9th 1882.

Rev. I. C. Jones

Dear Sir,

Having just finished my school here, I am now more or less looking out for a situation. Just before it came up here, wishing to remain in this region & pursuing no other business, I concluded to accept of the school which continued to teach during the winter. The want of funds has compelled the Board of Education in this place to suspend their operations for the present. Hence my school the high school for boys will stay open until autumn.

I intend to find, if possible,
some situation in this
state where I can spend the
summer, & longer if I can,
in preaching. I thought
of Rochester, as Bro. Taylor
has not returned, so far
as I know, nor do I
know that he intends to
do so. If you can give
me any information that
can be of any service to
me, you will do me a
favor. I would also write
to Rev. Mr. Jackson of Lebrun^{et}
if I had any acquaintance
with him. Please write
by return mail if you
can. I have passed through
the tough winter pretty well,
& am in usual health.
Bro. McKee is well. Our cause
here is looking up, I think.

Remember me kindly to
Mrs. Lyman & family.

Yours truly,
J. B. Mills

I sent you this letter
from North Mills - for you
to write him in regard to
Berklein Street if there is
need there - or any other
place that you have knowledge
of - I suppose a vessel
will remain at Rochester

I have a letter also from
Van Buren of Portage City
this - asking for a place.
But I don't know where he
can go for him - McKee has
been getting a supply of a supply
for his family.
If this is the one who

Crossing to B. R. Falls - 4
Suggested that you write to
Nicks - in ref. to the
plan

I hope to be able to be
at P. S. by - but can't get
time for the kids men go with
in with yesterday

We arrived at West Hill
(4 P.M.) but in the morning
before then we can capture
the last camp

Yours truly
B. E. Ryan

Hy June 29th 1863.

My dear Mother

I fear that by this time you will have lost all patience with my writing so much to no pur-
=pose. You would doubtless feel dissa-
=ppointed on receiving my last letter which was written very hastily. & convey-
=ed the intimation of my inability to visit you. The truth is - dear friend -

I have been under the influence of cir-
=cumstances which seemed to hinder me in my plans &c. more than I expected. & which I could make known more read-
=ily in a friendly conversation - than by letter. There seems now to be a prob-
=ability of my being freed from such hindrances - and I am therefore still having it in contemplation to join my Minnesota friends - provided they

services are still needed. and the way
is still open for securing an appoint-
-ment. I would be very grateful
if you would write me again.
saying how long you could wait
for me. And giving me all the par-
-ticulars about the places. where my
services are needed. In asking
this I don't want you to think that
I am too distrustful - or that I want
you to assume any undue responsi-
-bility. I don't want you to feel so.
And yet it would be satisfaction
to my friends. to know as much
as possible about the locality &c.

Must a minister dispense with
the use of notes - in preaching. or only
partly so? - Are their commissions
renewed from year to year? or are
they made out for a longer time?

Would there be any support from
the people. &c. But I don't wish to
trouble you unnecessarily. only as you

may have time - & may feel dis-
-posed - I should calculate
upon going out alone. - Please let
me hear from you at your earliest
convenience.

Yours in the gospel
Dan. Herron

Please address me

Yr. Yr.

My.

Box 51.

P.S. If you knew exactly how I am
situated in regard to some personal
matter, &c. you would make allowance
for my seeming hesitation. ~~W.~~

Alex Strain

Theological Seminary
Princeton N. J.

March 17th 1863.

Mr Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

In your
your letter through Dr Hodge, to
the Senate of the Seminary, you
kindly offer to furnish such
information as any might
wish, and I propose now to
take advantage of your kind-
ness in order to learn a
few particulars. In a few
weeks I shall have gotten
through the Seminary and
will have rec^d my license.
I should like to take some
vacation but shall submit to
the calls of Providence. S

have always desired to make
the West my home and the
scene of my future labor. And
now better, coming as it does at
the end of my course, seems to
me something like a special
Call.

I wish to learn something of the
nature of the work. Is it to be
settled and to labor permanently
in a church or churches already
existing which are to be built up &
if so how long are they now?

Is it entirely the labor of found-
ing new churches in many and
different places, if so how much
travel does it necessitate? Perhaps

I might say is it itinerant labor
or not? And if so, how much so?
Or if it be of a mixed character,
in what way and to what extent
does it partake of either? Is it
to labor under the care of any So-

ciety or Board? Or is it indepen-
dent of individual labor? Is it to
labor in or for the Presbyterian
church? I should hope it would
be. If so is there a regular Pres-
bytery there? If the work be of a
missionary character, is there any
certain, fixed length of time I shall
be obliged to stay in it having en-
gaged in the work? Foreign mission-
aries are obliged, I believe, to re-
main out at least ten years except
in cases of failure of health &c. &c.
And I did not know but there was
a similar provision for those in
the home field.

As regards sustentation. Can
I have any help to get out to
the field, when & what is it? What
salary when there, what are the
expenses of living, price of board
&c. &c.? Should I resolve to go
out to what portion of the State

had I better go, or if sent, what
book will I probably be sent
Such directions and particulars
as you think would be of im-
mense value, please give me.

Most truly Yrs.
Alex Strain.

Peter Zahner.

Alfredville O. Apr 30th 1864
 Rev. S. C. Lyons.

Rev & Dear Sir.

You will pardon
 me for this intrusion.

My object in writing is to learn
 something in regard to schools
 in your region. I think
 some of seeking a location
 somewhere in Minnesota if I
 can learn of a suitable one.
 I expect to make teaching
 my business and if you can
 give me any information of
 a vacant property or a
 situation where there is a prospect
 of building up a school I will
 be most thankfully received.
 My circumstances are such

that I can not well proceed
without some prospect of getting
a situation.

I have taught about three years
altogether in the academies in
this place, graduated with
the class of '63 in the college
of New Hampshire, and a member
of the Old School Presbyterian
church.

Your humble servant.

Peter Zahner.

Hazsville
Ct.

Her John Armstrong
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Waytown, Luzerne Co. Pa.

Aug 11th 1864

Rev. J. Jackson.

Dear Sir.

I suppose
that ere this you have
returned to Minnesota.
I want to hear the
last edition about
Austin, or any
other points that you
may know of. How
would I reach it if
I should go there with
my household effects?
How far has the Rail
Road progressed toward
it. At what point
does it terminate?

My attention has
been drawn by others

to the Upper Des Moines
Valley in Iowa, and
my mind is not yet
made up whether
to go to Iowa or
Minnesota. Dr
Jamez, wrote to
Mr. S. Mitchell about
a situation. I have
not heard from him
yet.

In a few
weeks I hope to have
the matter decided.

It is my design to go
just where there is
the prospect of doing
the most good.

Let me hear from
you at your earliest
convenience, and
will directions for
reaching Union as

may be needed in
case I go to that
place. It will now
likely be the middle
of October before
I can reach the
West, though my
plan is to leave
Hazelton in a few
weeks.

How did you
make out in raising
funds for your
cause?

Yours truly
John Armstrong

Amsterdam N. Y. July 28 65
Brother Jackson

I am a resident of this place for the present having last spring demitted my charge in Phelps N. Y. on account of infirm health. My mind has of late been turned toward Minnesota as a place to recruit & possibly of future labor.

Mr. Goodale, an old acquaintance & personal friend, whom I saw this morning, favored the plan of writing to you for information in regard to Minnesota, especially in its ecclesiastical or missionary aspects.

I think I will visit your State (D. V.) about the first of September. Stay a

little while rusticate &
explore. That of St. Peters
or any other place in your
part of the State. That place
was suggested among others
by brother Spear of Lake City,
with whom I have had a
little correspondence on the
subject. Having been in the
ministry some 12 or 15 years &
having wife & two little chil-
dren, it seems desirable to
human view that, if we
should go west at all, we
should secure a home as soon
as practicable.

Any information you
could give either of a general
or specific character will be
gladly & thankfully received.

When could I find a place
favorably situated for health
where I ^{could} try the effects of

your celebrated air on an
impaired nervous system, &
at the same time be employed
to some degree in my Master's
service, or where at least I might
labor some, after a few weeks in-
line relaxation. If you could
just give me such information
as you have on hand I would
be glad as I must very soon
form a plan for the re-
mainder of the summer.

I united with the Albany
pres at the last meeting, only however
because my residence is here.

Dr. G. & family are well.
He is about setting off on his
usual excursion for the woods.

With kind regards & sympathy
for an unseen brother & collabor-
er in the blessed work I am

Fraternally yours

Isaiah T. Jarvis

Kilbourn Wis. July 6. 1865.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

Let this introduce

Bro. H. F. Nelson late of the Chicago Sem^y who proposes to visit Oratorua. Please give him such information, advice &c as may be of use to him. I do not know the names of the Elders at Ashland, nor what is the state of affairs there.

I am glad to hear that the Lord raised you up from yr sickness. I wrote to Riheldaffer a letter to be laid before you for consultation, but you were so ill that he sent it on at once to Dr. Laneaway. It was about Mr. Ruliffson's intrusion on Kemp's field. It seems unhappy that we did not organize there last winter or spring. But it may yet prove evidently, as well as really, all for the best. I keep hearing of a man occasionally but do not yet get enough. Please keep informed of the wants & supplies in your region.

Bro Cochran wants a field that will give more

Support, & he needs it. Part of his field is very
poor, & where they are not poor they do not give
largely, and he has no gift of getting money from
them. He writes that he expects but \$150 for
his field & his rent is raised to, he supposes, \$100.
I suggested that he see Bro. Thayer about Pe-
cott. His style of preaching will suit a court
field best, but a country field does not so well
his family.

I think Mr. Bingham will take La Crescent &
ville.

My regards to Mrs. Jackson. Yours truly
Stuart Mitchell

Learned Friend

St. Louis, Mo. 30 July 1880

Harvard June 17 1853

Dear Mr. Wilson

I receive by this time your letter of the 14th inst. and am
glad to hear by it that you are well. I am sure that your
calculations are, whether he is in the way of the city or not, if he
is I want you to secure him there on the 11th Nov. I want you to be
sparing nothing of pay, to induce him to stay at anything, if either of the
members should leave these fields, I should feel obliged if you would
open the way so I could visit the churches when they became so small.
I am sure we have with Presbyrian churches in this place nothing of
importance with. It makes it very unpleasant for my family to be in
company with other denominations & this year children to their schools. They
consider the support they are able to give is inadequate to support my family.
The, they are doing all they can, this year 170 \$ is promised but I doubt
whether or not is sufficient. I want to come to labor in Minna. I hope you in
his country will open up a field where I can be useful, if young men
who want to serve in one of the families and be sustained here, I depend much
on you can be that if I have my hands are all in a flourishing mission
and the cause of Christ prospering amongst us with increased zeal
in which we are joined
Yours affectionately
J. Wilson

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Amagh Co
Aug. 16th 1865

Dear Bro. Jackson

I received your letter inclosed in
one from my wife stating La Chessee was vacant
would you be kind enough to drop them a note as
soon as you receive this, stating I will preach for them
a Sabbath on my return from the East which will be in a
week from this time. I love my ^{ministerial} brethren in Minn
& dislike much to leave the state, still it is impossible for
us to remain in Faribault on our present support, there is
a call made out for me in this church, they propose making
my support 900 or 1000 \$ they have not fallen their subsidy
than last made out, last year we spent 300 \$ of our
own means and could not get along on any less, do you
best to get a Bro. for Faribault region as it is likely we will
leave there, they are making an effort at Dodge City -
perhaps 50 \$ can be raised there more than last year

My wife is delicate we are compelled to sleep help all
the time rent 10\$ per month support from the churches
about 200\$ so you know something of how we had to get
along the field there is promising as much so as any in our
Phy. I have been encouraged very much the past year, but the
difficulty is I am 100\$ in debt & spent nearly 300\$ of my
own funds which we derived from a small improvement
on a farm I own, last year produce was double what it
will be this year, however I will be with great reluctance
I will leave those fields I will communicate with you
when I get home in great haste

Yours Bro in Chr

James Cochran
Love to Mrs. J. B. yourself

Chicago May 24th / 64

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

You will
 please excuse the liberty I
 take in addressing you.

If convenient for you
 when you pass through
 Chicago on your return I
 should be very much pleased
 to see you. I want to know
 something more about
 Minnesota & its prospects
 as a missionary field. I
 have never lost the interest
 in that state & in our ch-
 within its bounds that
 you were the means of
 enlightening nearly four years

Since I would like to know
from you just what is
being done to possess the
land. I feel all the more
interest in your work since
Mr Stimie, whom I have
known from my earliest years
is with you & thus part-its
your labors. Convenient
& pleasant for you I would
like to have you spend a
day or two the night with
me on your way through.

Any conveniences for the
^{supply of} ~~man's~~ physical wants that
may be at my disposal, shall
be placed at your command.

I may be found at the
store of my uncle, W. S. Holmes
170 S. Clark St. Mr Holmes
is also in attendance at the
assembly.

Hoping to hear from you

or to see you soon or both
I am

Your friend

J. Carter Kirkwood
family of Newmonth
Me.

St. Louis, Mo. Oct 9th 1865

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

I suppose you will think it strange that you have not seen or heard from me before this time. I have only to say in explanation that my wife did not return from the east in time to justify my taking a trip to Minnesota where he did return. I was very unwell.

I have often thought of what you said in reference to the want of your state as regards good Presbyterian ministers. I suspect this is what

prompt me to write this
morning. I have a very
close friend in the East,
of whom you may have
known something in former
years. It is the Rev. Andrew
Johnson, formerly of West
Charlton, Saratoga Co, now,
& for ten years past, of Hopewell
Church, in Oneida Co. N. Y.

Mr. Einslie will remember
him. He has been in this
place since you were here
& is very anxious to come
West. He has said nothing
about Minnesota, but I
think he would not object
to a hour with you, provided
you could find him one
where he might receive
a competent & support for
his family, which consists

of a wife & three (4) children
nearly adults. I write to
you in regard to him,
simply because I do think
that any Church that takes
him as their pastor will
have great cause to thank
the Trustees for his goodness
to them. I unite with all
who heard him while here
in the opinion that as
a preacher he has few
superiors, while as a pastor,
his two settlements, one of
seventeen years & a half &
the other of ten, ~~are~~ bear
testimony to his success.

As politics have now
to be taken in to consideration
even in Ecclesiastical matters
I may say that he is a strong
Union man & fully supported

the acts of the last as
well as one or two previous
Assemblies, as regards
the deliverances made
there in reference to the
State of the Country. In all
he is considered by many
as being rather radical.

Have you not one or
two churches to which
he could be invited to preach
for a few Sabbaths, thereby
paying his traveling expenses?

Now one word for myself.

What have you for me the
next summer? Is it true
as I have heard, that Mr.
Spencer intends to leave Lake
City? I do wish you
could find some good
permanent place on the river
for me. I would like some place
where I could hear some of the
best of the Seminary and Sessions &

Lucat-Twokees

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St. James's Mile
March 4. 1863

My Dear Cousin

My term is

drawing to a close, and I am
beginning to think what to do
when I am through with my
duties here as a Judge.

I have thought often of your kind
invitation to visit you, and intended
until within a few weeks to spend
the summer in visit to you, and learn
what I could by traveling about the
world; but lately I have been thinking
that it was time I was engaged in
life's work, and not be solicited
and in one thing to another
and accomplish nothing, I have been
waiting for something to do for more
than two years, and like many others
have found that waiting is only losing
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time, which is too precious to be
lost. I don't know where to go or
what to do; that I can do nothing
here, which will enable me to
feel that I am a man having a
mind as well as a body that is capable
of working. I am fully satisfied,
and you need not be surprised
to hear of me, as gone west in a
few weeks. Not being ignorant
of what is ^{the} best course to pursue I
shall not commit myself to anything
at present. And if I can do something
at once in my travels, that is, visit
my friends and get experience then
I shall give you a call.

If you can give me any advice that
will enable me to be of more use to
myself and fellow men than I am
at present, it will be thankfully
received. Write me soon as I shall
leave this place by the first of April.

I was home last week; saw John &
Kate, ~~the~~ ^{as} visiting at father's.
Libbie was expected home from Jersey
on Saturday. I saw John again on Tuesday
she had got home and Mary had come
with her. H. M. Voorhees, who has been
dis. issued from Fort Jackson at his
request, to accept of a charge near Elkhart.
Kind regards to you and Cousin Mary.
Yours truly

Jacob Voorhees

Rev. J. W. Allen
Van Wert Co. ³⁰

Dec 22nd 1865

Rev. J. Jackson.

Dear Sir,

I write for information
in regard to some of the
schools in Minn. Have
been laboring in my present
charge since graduating,
but my health is very much
impaired by exposure & fever, so
common in this section, that
I have thought it duty to
seek a more healthy locality.

My Physicians so advise,
I & that I will leave of Lake
City, Pa. have visited there.

Chairman of the Board of Education

Will his church be vacant.

Any information in regard
to this or any other point
will be thankfully received by your
Bro in Christ. J. W. Allen

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The. Sem. Allegheny Pa.
March 23rd 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother

I intended
to have ^{had} a private talk with
you while here, in reference to
the Western Mission field - but was
disappointed. You took my name
as a member of the middle class -
but it was then my intention, as
now - to enter the field permanent-
ly. I have not means to return
again to the Sem. - nor could I earn
enough during the Summer for that.

purpose, having also a family. Their
in number - to provide for. My
family consists of wife mother &
Sister - all are competent to teach
& I think, will be earnest workers. I
in a mission field - I therefore
write to inquire what support
you can promise me - & how much
you will be able or willing to
advance - We need many things
we have not - but have no means
to get them - things that would
be necessary for us to have before
coming. Please let me know how
much you can promise & how much
advance at as early a date as con-

venient, (address me at Athens
Athens Co Ohio. I expect to be
licensed by the Chillicothe Presbytery
with which Bro. Gage is famil-
iar. He will know me perhaps
as Genl Adams of Greenfield.
I can be ready to start for it
next by the middle of April or
at farthest - first of May. If
you can advance me \$250 or 300⁰⁰
dollars, I would then be able
to make all preparation necessary
& come at the time indicated.
Hoping to hear from you soon & your-
self I remain your Bro in X
Robt. A. Adams.

P. S. Please inform me too if any
of the 15 Stations of which you spoke
when here have been taken, & any
thing else in reference to the field
work - you may think important
or desirable for me to know,

R. A. A.

North Western Seminary
Chicago March 25/69

Rev Mr Jackson,
Rochester Minn.

Dear Sir,

I very much regret that an engagement in the city at the same hour prevented me from hearing you when you were here & addressed the students a few days ago.

I am a student just completing my middle year will be licensed I trust at the next meeting of the Presbytery (N. S.) on the 12th of April and am desirous of going to action with this summer & preach the Gospel of Christ. There are ^{fields} ~~fields~~ ^{fields} near here where I can work. It has however been my intention

for some time past that I
should like to labor of God so
much as H. Amick calls, in
the great West beyond. And I
have thought that I would like if
there was any opening, to go
out in that country this summer
as laborer.

I know there is
opposition to having young men
go out so far for so short a
time. I cannot yet definitely
& unconditionally offer myself
for this work.

I would like
to go out to some place where
there would be healthy air & a
new people that I might take
my mother who is unwell.

If I can not take her I
may be obliged to remain here
& to with her.

I have had some experience

in Mission work here in the city
in connection with the Y.M.C.A.
& with Porter Mission & Rail Road
Mission. Preached in the Reform
-Schools awhile last summer.

I am not able to go at
my own charges. It would not
go on such a work as this for the
sake of a salary alone.

The Prof's here or Rev.
Arthur Mitchell my pastor can
tell you as to my qualifications.

Hoping to hear from you
soon & to know something of
the needs & opportunities of the
work in the West. I am

Yours in heart

Albert McCalla

631 Wabash Ave

Chicago

Would prefer a place in the pure air
of the plains say Nebraska or Kansas

Beatty Hall
March 18th 69

Rev. Jackson

Dear Brother

I am sorry
to have to tell you that I can
not yet decide whether I desire
a field under your appointment
for the summer, but such
is the fact. The news from
Leiberville which I should
have come last week has
not arrived yet, and therefore
I am unable to decide.

There are four or five members
of the senior class who talk of
going; but I only know of
two who have decided certain
to go. Will you please write
me as soon as you know
certainly whether you will

need any men from the
middle class.

Yours truly
D Brown

West-Ind. Sem. Singapore,
March 15th 1869

Dear Sir

Since you left my room I have thought about this matter of going to Iowa and have determined that if it is the Master's will that I shall go, I will go. So far as I am able to see the fact seems plain that it is my duty and great privilege to go; so if no preventing providence you may expect me on the ground as soon as possible.

Can I have one of those rail roads which we spoke of, viz. the one going to Council

Bluff or one of those on
either side of it. However
the Lord is my Helper and
what can I do but for his
cause let me do. I do not
wish to put my private
interests before his cause.
In my field--along the rail-
road--would it be better to
be married or not? Will
I not be obliged to be changing
so often that it would be
inconvenient to make my
home at any one place.
What will boarding likely
be? Will you pray
that the Lord will make
me faithful, humble & conse-
crated to his work and that
he will give me strength and
wisdom to do my duty; for
I know that I am very

far from being what I ought
to be to preach Christ and
him crucified.

Please address me at

West. Theo. Sem.

Allegheny City
Pa.

Yours in Christ,

J. Nesbit-Wilson

Allegheny City, Pa.
March 12th 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson -
My dear brother.

I am all but
decided to go to Lincoln-Ne-
braska - Mr Grier and Mr
Bain - classmates, agree to
accompany me west. - If I go.
They would prefer, by far, to be
able to locate at Plattsmouth -
and Fremont - Since such a loca-
tion would leave us comparatively
near each other -

I, unless providentially hindered,
will go to Lincoln - Tell me what
I may expect when I get there -
What kind of people - Mr. Grier

1-2 whole sections - New England or
the Middle States - Whether the town
is likely to grow - May I hope to suc-
ceed - and how or from what am
I to look for a means of subsistence
while laboring in that field -

Are you independent of the Board
of Domestic Missions - in the offer you
made - Can you furnish the address
of any one likely to be interested in
my arrival - or in other words in res-
ideriamin? And when ought I
to be on the ground - Will the 1st
of June do?

Mr Bain - in accepting a Western
field - will refuse a church here
of 600 congregation - clamorous for
him to settle - with a large salary

Mr Grier is one of the ablest men
in the present Senior class -
What will these gentlemen meet
with at their relations?

Mr Bain would prefer Bath -

Mouth - What of that Church build-
ing then - you noted in the card
you drew up for me?

I shall write next week to
Rev Mr Celestina - at Council
Bluff -

If we go and are on the
field by the 1st of June - will that
suit? Anyhow don't send any
one to either of the three places
mentioned in your memorandum
given to me - I refer to Leavenworth -
Keokuk - Fremont -

Nobody can be surpassed than our
three gentlemen are at present -
for the places - if we suit you -

Let me hear from you
immediately - please - and
be assured that you have made
already a warm interest for
yourself in each of our breasts -

Your brother in Christ -

Wm. R. Dutton -

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M. L. Scherck

White Hall. Me.

21st Aug. 1868

Dear Sir

With many thanks to the
Rev Dr Berry and yourself for your
kind response to my enquiries I
reply.

My first letter to Minnesota
was written early in July. Through it
I learned of Dr Berry's sojourn north
My letter addressed to him was
answered with promptness. But as he
could not speak definitely as to
any desirable positions which would
encourage me to devote time and
means for so long a journey. I concluded
because of the lateness of the season
to make propositions to the B of D. Mis.
of Ref. Church to remain here at least for
the winter. I look for their answer
about the 10th of Sep^r. Until then I am

bound, and afterwards if my offer is accepted.

My family are spending the summer the east and the health of both me and Son is improving. I will notify them of your kindness and be ready to act at once should I find myself free from other engagements.

You will allow me, ~~should~~^{more} ~~appear~~ my duty to spend the winter here, to renew enquiries should it appear important on some after occasion. For this purpose I need your name and address

Should you again meet Dr K assure him for me of my appreciation of his interest for me and mine.

In Christian Bonds

Cordially Yours
M. L. Scher

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Chalfield Feb. 15/69

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Your last was
rec^d in due time Bro. Stead on his
return spent part of a day with me
& told me of the doings of your Thy
Whenever the reunion is consummated,
as I hope it may be the coming Spring
Stuartsville Washington & Fillmore I
think must become our charge but I
suppose Stead informed you of the & Hicks
thought it best to make no change at
Fillmore for the present.

If between this & June you know of
any field in Southern Minn. that
suits a man I should like to know
it, in behalf of a brother who is now
preaching at Marine above Stillwater
for a Congregational Church. He is a
Presbyterian a Philadelphian, & wishes
to unite with one of our Presbyteries, &
would like a field down this way. S

He is engaged at Marine until June.
I wrote him saying that in case of se-
cure there would probably ~~there~~
be some changes made in fields that
would require new men.

Last week we rec'd a "box" from
the Unit. Presbyterian Ch. of Knoxville.
It exactly & abundantly met our
wants. Money also was sent to
pay express charges.

It was of course promptly acknowl-
edged. We shall always be
of you in connexion with that
are really very thankful to you.
It will do us ever so much
and save Mrs. H., whose health
far from vigorous, much labor.
Hope to see you this way. Should
be any good sleighing I mean
up your way. With kind regards
Lackson I am your bro. in X
J. L. H.

Westminster, St. Lawrence Co. N.Y.
8th March 1869

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother,

As Mrs. Johnston in her note to you refers to me it may be proper for me to explain matters to you. An excessive use of my voice in the interests of this church in the Winter of 1866 & the following Spring brought on the "Clergyman's Sore Throat," by which I am still affected, tho' in a far less degree than at first. Besides two sermons at Sabbath, my people require a great deal of Pastoral writing, catechising the young &c to which I have always been accustomed. The former I can preach, but the latter services I cannot perform without seriously injuring my throat - to the recovery of which the influence of the St. Lawrence River, where we both reside, is extensive. I am, little the wiser,

example of the West, which
I wish to see as the Great Iowa, for
years since, & I wish to be assigned
to the better State of Minnesota,
where (in Austin) you are working,
if we can be seen of useful employ-
ment & adequate support. I think
I can preach twice on the Sabbath,
& even undertake a pastoral charge
provided much vocal exercise would
not be required of me during the
week, until the divine blessing on
your salutary climate restored my
throat to its wonted soundness.

Permit me to state that I have been
over 30 years in the ministry, ten of
which were spent in the pastorate of the
(P.L.) Church of Hopewell, Orange Co.
N.Y. I am a devoted P.L. School man,
& doubly have all the duties of the min-
istry, if I only have voice enough to dis-
charge them. But the idea of living
without a flock (for the first time since

my ordination) & spending the Sabbath
without preaching the blessed Gospel
is perfectly horrible to me. I am
hoping that your new office will
^{enable you to} preserve me from this sore calamity.
With this statement of my condition,
may I presume to offer myself as a
candidate for the pastorate of your
recent charge at Rochester, if still
vacant? My engagement here will
expire on the 1st day, but I am at
liberty to leave three weeks earlier if
I choose.

I am well acquainted with
Rev George Ainslie, who, I believe, pre-
ceded you at Rochester. His father
was one of my first parishioners, & I
married him to his second wife.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain
Respectfully Yours in Gospel benedictions
Andrew Schuster

P.S. I am also intimately acquainted
with Rev. Joseph M. McCullough, for

of the P. Church Winona, who has
all about me until I came here
Years ago. A. L.

I was much surprised to find the
notes in my table drawer this morn
supposing they had been put in the
Post office when written. By some
that was omitted. I send them now
(25th March) A. L. Hearst as he
from you at San Antonio conference
A. L.

7 months 15/69

Rev. Mr. -

My dear Bro -

The St Andrew Ch.

Have received the services of Rev
Muskell. I understand you have
written Mr Abbott in reference to
Hobbs Sec. If he decides adversely
it might be well for you to address
Rev Mr. Elliott, & Pass Hlover, a
very respectable preacher, formerly
a member of Huntington Pres. (Pa.)
I have just rec'd a letter of inquiry
from him. I never been here
before, but have been told he
preaches well, & is a very good pres-
byter.

Now you get on, My dear Bro.
"Catholics must be compelled." Now
defile! Ex cathedra! I am indig-
nantly grieved - For ever yours
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1869

El Paso Ill March 26

Dear Br. Jackson
Your kind letter came
duly to hand. I would
rejoice to go to Helena
City, had I more means
or a big family. I have
already spent several
thousand dollars in as-
sisting in my own
support, & several hundred
during the present year.

The Rev D. L. Hughes
of Tipton Iowa well ac-
-quainted with the work of
building up new Churches
& very zealous & successful
hitherto, thinks of giving up
his present charge to

devote himself to the
-ionary work. The
he thinks of occupying
Southern Iowa. He
proposes casting his
weight upon me &
have agreed to visit
in time to preach for
the 1st Sabbath of April.
But as he will not be re-
leased until near the la
of April I do not know
that my visit under
circumstances would ac-
complish any thing re-
-liable. Being so near to
-dar Rapids I would like
to preach a Sabbath there
if you could open the way.
More particularly if the 2nd
Sabbath of April would sug-
ber eternally. G. E.

Curllsville. Clarion Co Pa.
March 27th 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother.

I have just heard that you were at the Western Theological Seminary inviting young men to go out to occupy the western field.

I have, for some time past, been thinking of going in that direction, but could get little information concerning the field. I am a foreigner by birth and education. I studied in Belfast, Ireland, taking my theological course under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Cooke and the other professors of the Seminary in that place. I have been about 15 months in the U. S. and am a licentiate of the first presbytery of New York.

If you think it advisable that I should go out to that part of the country I would feel obliged if you would give me some directions as to the route I should go. &c

I understand that you offered a higher

salary of married than unmarried men. Do
you prefer married men? Would it be advisable
for me to get married before going— that is if
I get the chance of going?

Being a foreigner and of course unknown to you
it may be necessary that you should have some
more information of me, if so I would refer you
to Rev Joseph Maten Cullsville Clarion Co
Pa. who has heard me preach more & knows
more of me than any of the other ministers in
this country.

truly yours

Joseph Patterson.

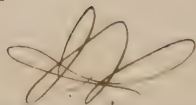
As it is uncertain where I may be a week
or two from this date I suppose it to be better
to address me at Mr Maten's— in that case

Jos Patterson

@ Rev Joseph Maten
Cullsville

Clarion Co Pa

will find me



Tellville Ill.
March 30: 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dr Bro.

Yours of
March 22^d. came to hand
in due time, and I am
extremely obliged to you
for your interest in me so
much of a stranger to
you as I am.

Looking over our "Minutes"
for you name I soon came
to the conclusion that though
you & I are both Presbyterians,
yet not of the same school,
a fact which my friend
Henry Smith no doubt
overlooked.

Not that I have any

very serious objections to
changing schools, however
perhaps I had better look
a little first among our
own churches as I am
more acquainted with
the latter of my own church.
I saw Bro. Marshall of
Memphis Minn. the
same day (that I recd. your
letter & he spoke of several
fields now vacant in
our connection, mostly
missionary churches however,
and I would not
object altogether to a
missionary field if a
field that was prospecting
good.

I would not be understood
as looking for a wealthy or
large field. Salary is not

what I am after, but a
place where I can serve
my Master & be supported
\$1300. in Bellville (my present
salary) is no more than
there are dollars ~~are~~ in
the field where I served
Mr Smith's acquaintance.

Should you see Mr &
Mrs Smith please
remember me to them

You did not give Mr
D. C. Lyon's p. o. address
and perhaps I will not
write you at the hotel
to do so. But should I
desire to make further
inquiry of you I can
communicate with you
further.

Should my spring present
itself within a month

or so that you think
be a suitable one for
I should be glad to hear
+ so happy it should be
so kind.

Yours in Love

J. H. Gilliam

West-Heo Seminary
Allegheny Pa

April 2nd 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother.

This morning Dr
Jacobus handed me your letter - What
about Helena - Montana would I suit -
Must the Church be built up from foun-
dation - Can you furnish me with names
of Presy families there - When should I
be on the field - would the 1st or middle
of June be timely enough -

If I would answer for that
field. if you can assure me the salary
you mentioned \$1200, while we are in the field
And I will tell you by return mail whether
I will go -

Yours very truly
Jno. R. Paxton.

1060 North Halsted Street, Chicago, April 12, 1869.

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

In your letter to Dr. Ford recently you stated that you wanted me in Western Iowa. Please address a letter to my brother John C. Elliott in Nebraska City and let him know where you want me to come to.

Yours very truly

Austin Elliott

P.S. In all probability I will be at my brother's in a few days.

Christfield Ohio, April 17/81

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Sir

Bro. Lewis of
Cleveland has mentioned to
me a number of churches
needing pastors & with whom
you are in correspondence

I would be glad to learn
some particulars concerning
Adair Thapids Lower - I am
not indeed determined to
leave my present field of labor,
having been granted a great
degree of success during my
short pastoral here, & being bound
by many ties of a personal & domestic
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nature, But the impulse
among our people is so strong
to move westward that the
prospect of enduring success is
not encouraging at least in
the Northfield congregation - The
Bedford congregation of which I also
have charge has suffered in the
same way - having dismissed more
families within a few years than
it has retained - My actual
support here during the two past
years including rent of passage &
donations will somewhat exceed
\$1,200 - I have had some
little experience of ministerial life
in a new portion of Central Illinois
and tho. compelled by failing
health to leave that region
yet I am not ignorant of

the condition of affairs & requirements of the same

The peculiar wants & requirements of our
Western Churches I presume I have written
at unnecessary length concerning myself - If
circumstances should develop so as to need
it - you may learn more of your
correspondent than Bro Lewis.

Very truly

Wm B. Marsh

Genevada, Catt. Co., N.Y.
 April 5th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir, I send
 you this note to inquire about
 the Church at Lincoln, Nebras-
 ka. Has any one located there
 yet? If not, would there be any
 prospect for one there should
 I come out in May? Is the
 Church organized? What Sal-
 ary could one expect? Is the
 Climate healthy? Is the Country
 timbered? I have had some
 thoughts of locating in Nebraska
 or Western Iowa & would like
 some information as to the State
 of things respecting the Presbyterian
 Churches in that region. I

am in very limited circumstances, have a family, & think of commencing my work in the Ministry this Spring although I have not completed a full Course at the Seminary - a portion of my Studies having been pursued privately. What encouragement is there to come west? I am at present under the care of the Richland Presbytery in Ohio. Let me hear from you as soon as possible

Yours Truly

A. W. Alcott